

Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 26.

Diphtheria.

Twenty years ago diphtheria, at least, by that name, was almost unknown. To-day, according to the New York Times, it has nearly assumed the proportions of an epidemic in that city and its neighboring towns. It is also prevailing in other parts of the land. Although its ravages are chiefly among the young and feeble, it attacks adults as well as children. This disease of the throat is said to differ from all other forms of sore throat previously known. It is a very malignant and often fatal disease. It was first observed and described by M. Bretonneau, of Tours, in 1818. It is characterized by a peculiar inflammation of the mucous membrane of the throat, or pharynx, accompanied by the production of a false membrane. This is said to make its appearance in nearly all cases in the shape of grayish brown patches, or as one authority says, in the form of a white spot on the pharynx or tonsils, from which it extends, producing at last suffocation. Hence it is of the utmost importance to watch closely the throats of children who are apparently ill with cold and sore throat. Usually fever and prostration occur in the early stages of the disease, though in some instances the false membrane is formed suddenly and almost without warning. It should be remarked that diphtheria, ordinarily, is not a difficult disease to combat when it is treated in time. If the throats of ailing children are frequently examined there will be little danger that parents will mistake incipient diphtheria for an ordinary cold. The New York Times remarks, no doubt with truth, that scores of children have died of diphtheria who would in all probability be now alive had the grayish-brown patches in the throat been discovered at their first appearance, and a competent physician been promptly summoned.

It seems to be agreed that the disease is owing in some measure to the neglect of sanitary measures. Sewer gas, damp cellars, and the neighborhood of malarious marshes, are mentioned among the causes of its prevalence. Yet all those existed twenty years ago, when the disease was rare. It may be added that diphtheria is generally believed to be contagious. Whether the cause of this disease be poisoned air or polluted water or not, it can do no harm to avoid the violation of sanitary rules, especially as regards defective drainage and sewer gas.

LEMON PIES—Two cups of sugar, the juice and grated rind of two lemons, four tablespoonful of flour stirred in a little cold water, then turn on one and a half cups boiling water, add two well beaten eggs, and butter size of an English walnut. Bake with or without an upper crust, according to fancy. They are nice spread with frosting.

LYONS BLACK SILK VELVET,
RICH STRIPED BLACK VELVET FOR
OVERDRESSES,
EMBROIDERED OVERDRESSES AND
JACKETS,
REAL CAMELS' HAIR SHAWLS,
CASHMERE INDIA SHAWLS,
SLEIGHT NEW WOOL PLAIDS,
SEAL BROWN AND ALL DESIRABLE
SHADES OF FRENCH MERINOES, and
FINE WOOLEN FABRIQUES of an almost
endless variety, and the largest and most
complete stock of
RICH BLACK AND COLORED DRESS
SILKS to be found in the District.

Ladies may feel assured that they can
buy them as low as they are sold for in New
York or elsewhere.

ONE PRICE ONLY, IN PLAIN FIGURES.

W. M. SHUSTER & BRO.,

919 Pennsylvania avenue,
nov 22-1m Washington, D. C.

The Latest.

Having made my Fall and Winter purchases
of CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHING
GOODS, TRUNKS, HATS and SATCHELS,
and other goods usually found in a first class
Clothing Establishment,

I would invite the public to call and inspect
them before purchasing elsewhere, feeling con-
fident that I can please the most fastidious.

My purchases consist in part of the finest of
American, French, Scotch and English fabrics.

Boys', Youth's and Men's Overcoats, of all
shades and qualities.

Suits for Boys at moderate prices.

My stock is the largest and most complete of
any in the city. An early call is solicited.

S. DEALHAM,

oct 18 89 King street.

Special Notice.

GENTS' EXTRA FINE BOOTS AND SHOES.

We have just received a fresh supply of Gents
extra fine, hand-sewed Boots and Shoes, and
Slippers of every description, which we unhesi-
tatingly recommend to be the very best on sale
in the city.

**Ladies' Misses' and Children's Boots,
Shoes and Slippers.**

We are this day receiving a full line of La-
dies', Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and
slippers, suitable for Fall and Winter, em-
bracing all of the latest styles. We solicit pur-
chasers to call and examine for themselves, as
they will be sold at low prices.

**A Fact That We Are Willing to
Prove,**

That we can show a larger and better assorted
stock of Boots and Shoes, suited to the wants
of the people, and that our prices are lower, con-
sidering the quality of the goods and workman-
ship, than any other house, in our line of goods,
in this section of the country.

NEW GOODS.

I have just opened from New York another
line of superior BLACK GR. GRAIN SILKS,
very cheap. Some of these are the "Cachemere,"
finest and very handsome.

Long and Square Black Cashmere Shawls.
Black Craple Veils.
Black Cashmores.
White Flannels, &c.

Some very handsome Crimson and Green Ter-
ry, for furniture covering and curtains.

ALCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS.

Just received a fresh supply of the above;
sold by the yard or in any size to suit, and also
by the single plaster, at

WARFIELD & HALL'S,

nov 20 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

FOURTH SUPPLY.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

Another large and handsome line of new
styles of BLACK and BLUE BEAVER fur
Cloaks, comprising six or eight qualities.

DUFFY'S SWEET CIDER for sale by
nov 22 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

A CARD.—Circumstances rendering it de-
sirable that I should locate in Baltimore, I
have transferred my DENTAL PRACTICE in
Alexandria to DR. D. N. RUST. He has been
for so many years associated with me as to need
no introduction or endorsement, his skill, ability
and reputation for honest and high integrity
being well known. I cordially commend him
to the favor of my friends and patients, as well
worthy of the position to which he succeeds, and
bespeak for him the practice with which, for so
long, I have been favored.

JAMES B. HODGKIN.

Alexandria, Va., mar 10-14

COL. RICHARD L. MAURY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

1015 Main street,

RICHMOND, VA.

Special facilities for prompt collections
throughout Virginia and West Virginia. Money
invariably received on day of receipt.

Refers to: Gov. Jno. Letcher, (recent partner)
Lexington, Va.; Gov. Jas. L. Kemper, Rich-
mond, Va.; Hon. R. M. T. Hunter; E. H.
Maury & Co., Bankers; Messrs. Barringer Bros.
& Co., London, England; J. K. Gilliat & Co.,
London, England.

Richmond, feb 19-1y

FINANCIAL.

W. D. CORSE,

STOCK, EXCHANGE AND COLLEC-
TION BROKER.

Will deal in Gold and Silver Coin, State, City
and Railroad Securities.

Will execute orders for any Stocks or Bonds
on the Stock Boards of New York or Baltimore
on commission.

Virginia Coupons, receivable for taxes, for
sale.

Agent for the MUTUAL LIFE INSUR-
ANCE CO., of New York.

BURKE & HERBERT,

Dealers in

GOLD, GOVERNMENT BONDS, LOCAL
STOCKS, AND ALL FIRST-CLASS
RAILROAD BONDS and other
good investment securi-
ties, have for sale

VIRGINIA COUPONS, receivable for taxes,
ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION SIX
PER CENT BONDS.

Any information in regard to investments
cheerfully given.

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ICE DEALERS.

ICE! ICE! ICE!

A full supply of

NORTHERN ICE,

from the clearest of water, and of unusual
PURITY and SOLIDITY, constantly on hand.

Persons desiring to secure their summer's
supply of the article, ABSOLUTELY FREE
FROM ALL IMPURITIES, and at REA-
SONABLE RATES, can do so by leaving their
orders at my office, or by arrangement with my
drivers.

F. A. REED,

JANNEY'S WHARF.

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ALKEHREPTA—This article is manufac-
tured from the cocoa bean, the highly nu-
tritious natural butter of which is not abstracted
in the ordinary homoeopathic chocolate. It
is an excellent diet for patients under treat-
ment on account of its nutritious qualities, its
purity and the readiness with which it is pre-
pared for use, not requiring to be boiled. Full
directions with each package. For sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,

106 and 170 King street.

nov 3

BY THIS A. M.'S. STEAMER.

The last of another large purchase of
DRESS GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS,
CALICOES, COTTONS, &c.,
fresh from the New York market and at the
lowest prices yet reached. Our stock is full in
all its departments, and purchasers at wholesale
or retail who desire the latest stock to select from
and low prices will do well to call and see us.

D. F. WITMER CO.

nov 9

COAT BINDINGS!

We have received per express to-day our third
supply of Coat Bindings and Hercules Braid.
These are good and cheap.

FERGUSON & BROS.,

nov 5 96 King street.

ELYSIANS, MELTONS, &c.,

SPLENDID OVERCOATS

Made in any style to order very cheap at

D. F. WITMER CO'S.

nov 3

NEW FRINGES! NEW FRINGES!

Received to-day a full assortment of the
above goods, in various styles and shades; also
a full line of CORDED SILK DRESS BUT-
TONS, in all shades, at

FERGUSON & BROS.,

nov 5 96 King street.

SUGARS!

Porto Rico, Demarara, A and B Crushed,
Granulated, Pulverized, and other refined
Sugars, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,

sep 8 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

ON HAND FOR SALE Laidin &
Red's celebrated KIDNEY PILLS, and
only Powder used by the American Army; also
a large assortment of SHOT and CAPS, of all
sizes.

JOHNSON & SHERWOOD,

oct 7 N. E. corner Cameron and Royal sts.

ASSEMBLY CARPET HALL.

Splendid additions to our line of Brussels,
Ingrain, Three-Ply, Stair and other styles of
Carpet just received.

D. F. WITMER CO.

oct 25

BAKER MILLS BLEACHED COTTONS.

—Another case of those splendid Cottons.
Also Androsocogin and other popular brands.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

sep 14 No. 109 King st.

OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN LIVER

PILLS, the best article now in use for all
diseases arising from deranged liver. For sale by

W. F. CRIGHTON,

nov 3 Sole Agent for Alexandria.

HOPPING AXES AND AX HELVES,

of assorted quality; a large lot just received
at 88 King street, corner of Royal. Wholesale
and retail.

J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

oct 12

FAMILY ROE AND NO. 1 POTOMAC

HERRING, for sale by the dozen; also
new No. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel, at

W. A. JOHNSON'S,

sep 8 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

CUT NAILS, Wrought Spikes, Horse Shoes,
Horseshoe Nails, Bar Iron, Belows, &c.; a large
supply on hand; prices low, at 88 King street,
corner of Royal street.

J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

oct 12

THIMBLE SKINS and BOXES, of best
quality; a full supply of all sizes at No. 88
King street, corner of Royal. Wholesale and
retail.

J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

oct 12

FRENCH and AMERICAN WINDOW

GLASS, of all sizes, from 6x8 to 24x30,
in large stock and for sale by the box or single
light.

JANNEY & CO.

sep 21

RUMFORD'S, Wilson's and Patapsco Yeast

and Baking Powders for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,

sep 2 44 cor. Pitt and Queen streets.

NEW CROP CITRON, RAISINS and

CRANBERRIES just received by

G. WM. RAMSAY,

oct 8 Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

**GROSS RUMFORD'S YEAST POW-
DER** just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

sep 14

OLD FAIRFAX COUNTY VINEGAR is the
best. For sale by

MCBURNIE & SON.

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IN SEASON—Green Ginger, White Mustard
Seed, Ground and Stick Cinnamon, received
by

DAVEY & HARMON.

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PRIME NO. 1 MACKEREL received to-
day by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

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NEW CROP TEAS at bottom prices at

RAMSAY'S CORNER.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

W. A. JOHNSON,

Dealer in

GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

No. 41 corner Queen and Pitt streets,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

All orders addressed to William A. Johnson,
Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention.
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P. E. HOOE,

(Successor to Fowle & Co.)

NO. 2 PRINCE STREET.

GENERAL

COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANT.

Dealer in all kinds of

FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER

Agent of the

NEW YORK & BALTIMORE STEAMERS

and

LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY.

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W. A. JOHNSON,

J. R. SHERWOOD.

GROCERIES, LIQUOR,

FEED, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

N. E. Corner Cameron and Royal streets,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We take pleasure in informing our friends and
the public that we have leased the above store,
formerly occupied by Mr. F. G. Swaine, and
hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a
share of their patronage.

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J. C. & E. MILBURN,

Wholesale and Retail

GROCERIES & COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 19 N. Royal st., cor. Market space,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Orders and consignments solicited. They will
receive careful and prompt attention.

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M. LAWSON,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT.

No. 69 Cameron street,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Deals in Standard Fertilizers and Grass Seeds.
Cash advances made on Grain in store. Con-
signments solicited.

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R. B. LAWSON & CO.,

[Successors to R. M. Lawson,]

GROCERIES AND LIQUOR MERCHANTS,

No. 67 Cameron street,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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THOMAS PERRY,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT

AND AGENT FOR

THE SALE OF FERTILIZERS,

No. 17 King street,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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GEO. WASHINGTON,

R. J. WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON & BROTHER,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

NO. 20 UNION STREET,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all
kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special
attention given to all business entrusted to them.
Prompt returns made.

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W. A. SMOOT,

DEALER IN

COAL, SALT AND PLASTER

SMOOTS' WHARF.

(Foot of Princess st.)

Alexandria, Virginia.

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SHINN & CO

(Successors to Samuel Hartley.)